

Sheriff Tim Helder who is retiring after 43 years of law enforcement service in northwest Arkansas.

Sheriff Helder is a dedicated public servant who followed and built on his family's century-long legacy in public safety.

He began his career in 1979 as a dispatcher with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He continued his service for 21 years at the Fayetteville Police Department before returning to the sheriff's office as chief deputy.

In 2004, Helder was elected Washington County Sheriff and has admirably served his neighbors and fellow citizens, who elected him to eight terms leading the department. During his time as sheriff, he has instilled a sense of duty, pride, and professionalism within the department and its officers.

Sheriff Helder also made efforts to ensure his own knowledge and leadership benefited from world-class training, including at the FBI National Academy, and partnerships with premiere task forces and other law enforcement agencies.

Engaging directly and frequently with the people of Washington County has long been a priority for the sheriff, including staying connected with community partners and elected leaders by hosting a monthly breakfast to keep everyone updated on county law enforcement issues and the importance of working together.

We can be proud of Sheriff Helder's lifelong service both in and out of uniform. He has embodied what it means to serve and protect and deserves our thanks for bettering communities in our State.

I applaud Sheriff Helder for his accomplished career and the leadership and perseverance he has demonstrated.

I wish him the best in his retirement, where I know he will be happy to spend more time with his wife Holly, their three children, and grandchildren. I know he will continue working in different but meaningful ways to build a better Arkansas.●

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ASA HERRING

● Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Lieutenant Colonel Asa Herring, an American patriot and hero who served with the famed Tuskegee Airmen before going on to complete a 22-year military career in the U.S. Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Herring was born on October 3, 1926, in Dunn, NC. Despite being born during a time in American history when rights and opportunities for African-Americans were few, he persevered. At a time when high school graduation rates amongst African-Americans were in the single digits, Lieutenant Colonel Herring graduated at age 16 and then had to wait nearly 2 years before he could enter the military. After passing the Army Air Corps written examination, he entered Active

Duty as an aviation cadet on December 27, 1944.

However, World War II ended before he finished his training. On April 26, 1945, the Tuskegee Airmen flew their last combat mission, and less than 2 weeks later, on May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered. Lieutenant Colonel Herring did not wish to serve in a segregated military, so he decided to request an honorable discharge in 1946.

On July 26, 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order No. 9981, ending the policy of racial segregation in the military. Less than a year later, Lieutenant Colonel Herring volunteered for service in the newly established U.S. Air Force and served until 1970. Throughout his service, Lieutenant Colonel Herring fought in both the Korean and Vietnam war, flew more than 350 combat missions, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star, and an Air Medal with 13 oakleaf clusters. He was also the first African-American squadron commander at Luke Air Force Base, where he trained pilots from several European countries in the F-104G Jet Fighter Gunnery Program.

After retiring from military service, Lieutenant Colonel Herring joined Western Electric in Phoenix, AZ, where he served in several management positions until 1989. Personifying the Air Force core values, he also dedicated much of his time and talent to community service organizations across Phoenix and to educating others on the history and incredible legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

I join Arizonans in mourning Lieutenant Colonel Herring's passing on May 22, 2022, at the age of 95. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Honor Herring, and is survived by his two sons, Asa D. Herring, III, and Mark Alan Herring; his seven grandchildren; and his 15 great-grandchildren—to whom we extend our gratitude for Lieutenant Colonel Herring's honorable service to his community and to his Nation.●

150TH BIRTHDAY OF GREAT BEND, KANSAS

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 150th birthday of our home, Great Bend, KS.

Anticipating the westward expansion of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, D.N. Heiser and E.J. Dodge made the first settlement in the Great Bend Township in 1871. The railroad reached the township in July of 1872, and Great Bend was soon incorporated as the permanent county seat for Barton County, named after the great bend of the Arkansas River—pronounced Arkansas—that the town sits on. Later, this great bend on the river became the crossing point for settlers and supply wagons traversing the Santa Fe Trail. Great Bend would go on to be a premier shipping point for cattle, as well as a center of regional trade and commerce for western Kansas. The oil and gas in-

dustry arrived in Great Bend soon after, with the county bringing in more than \$30 million annually from the petroleum industry by 1930. From its beginnings, Great Bend has been pivotal in the development of Kansas's economy, and today, our agriculture and oil help feed and fuel the world.

I had the privilege of raising my family in Great Bend and delivering some 5,000 babies in the community. Thanks to investments of hard work, innovation, and determination, as well as great pride in our schools, Great Bend continues to serve as an economic driver for central Kansas. The city of Great Bend plays such a vital role in telling the story of Kansas, so it is my honor to celebrate the city's 150th birthday.

I would like to thank and honor everyone living in Great Bend and our predecessors for the pride they have in our city and especially thank everyone who helped organize the sesquicentennial celebration.

I now ask my colleagues to join the residents of Great Bend in celebrating the city's 150th birthday and recognize them all for their contributions to the city's 150 years of history.

I am humbled and proud to call Great Bend home.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5286. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5287. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2022-23 Season" (RIN1018-BF07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5288. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Eligibility for Legacy Participants and Legacy Applicants" (RIN2900-AR28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5289. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; 2022 Horsepower on the Hudson, Hudson River, Castleton, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0904)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.